

I claim:

1. A clamp sinker movable between an open and closed condition comprising:
 a body composed of a bendable material, said body being cone shape and having a
 neutral surface, said body having a first end and a second end with said first end of said
 body being smaller than the second end of said body with said body having a smoothly
 converging exterior surface from said first end to said second end to form a streamline
 shape that inhibits snagging and propeller action as the body is pulled through a fluid;

a first curved gripping surface on said body, said first curved gripping surface
 undulating through said body to provide a surface free of angled corners to thereby inhibit
 line damping, said first curved gripping surface extending from said first end to said
 second end, said first curved gripping surface having at least one surface contouring
 protrusion, said first curved gripping surface having a portion extending proximate a
 geometric center of said line clamp; and

a second curved gripping surface on said body said second curved gripping surface
 undulating through said body to provide a surface free of angled corners o thereby inhibit
 line damping, said second curved gripping surface extending from said first end to said
 second end with said second curved gripping surface including a surface contouring recess
 mateable with said protrusion to produce a nonlinear path through said resilient body so
 that when said second curved gripping surface and said first curved gripping surface coact
 to grasp a line located therein to prevent the slippage of the line therein as the line is
 squeezed and held therebetween by bending said line clamp around the line.

2. The line clamp sinker of claim 1 including an integral peripheral hinge connecting the
 two jaws together, said peripheral hinge having a first line centering surface located at the
 first end of said line clamp and a second line centering surface located on the second of said

line clamp, said line centering surface for maintaining said line in a centered condition within line clamp.

3. The line clamp sinker of claim 2 including a recess located between said first line centering surface and second line centering surface, said recess allowing said line clamp to require less tension force necessary to open and close the jaws of said line clamp than if said recess did not exist.

4. The line clamp of claim 1 wherein the body is a single continuous integral member with each of the line gripping surfaces asymmetrical but mateable with each other.

5. The line clamp of claim 1 wherein the body is an alloy of bismuth.

6. The line clamp of claim 2 wherein the body is finger bendable.

7. The line clamp of claim 1 wherein the body is a continuous integral member.

8. The line clamp of claim 1 wherein the line clamp has an exterior diverging surface and a set of jaws that extend the entire length of the line clamp.

9. The line clamp of claim 1 wherein the line clamp is one piece and includes two asymmetrical jaws extending to a geometric center of said line clamp with said jaws are movable between an open condition and a closed condition by pivoting the jaws.

10. The line clamp of claim 1 including a first relief on a top half of the sinker and a second relief on the bottom half of the sinker to permit a user to insert to insert a fingernail or thumbnail thereon to pry apart the sinker if the sinker is in a closed condition.

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11. A clamp sinker movable between an open and closed condition comprising:
a body composed of bendable material, said body being cone shape and having a neutral surface, said body having a first end and a second end with said first end of said body being smaller than the second end of said body with said body having a smoothly converging exterior surface from said first end to said second end to form a streamline shape that inhibits snagging and propeller action as the body is pulled through a fluid;

a first line gripping surface on a first end of said body, said first line gripping surface *what?* 112, 2nd

10 a second line gripping surface on the first end of said body for mating engagement with said first line gripping surface;

a third line gripping surface on said second end of said body, said third line gripping surface spaced from said first line gripping surface; and

15 a fourth line gripping surface on the third end of said body for mating engagement with said third line gripping surface, with said first line gripping surface and said second line gripping surface holding a line in a centered condition on the first end of the clamp sinker and the third line gripping surface and the fourth line gripping surface holding the line in a centered condition on the second end of said body.